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JOB SERVICE

Michigan Employment Security Commission

State Unemployment Rate Falls

Michigan's jobless rate fell to its lowest level in nearly two years as the September unemployment rate dropped to 12.3 percent. The number of jobless workers declined by 59,000 over the month to total 527,000. The decrease in unemployment was primarily the result of unsuccessful job seekers abandoning their job searches and summer workers giving up their jobs to return to school. Additionally, the loss of seasonal job holders and unsuccessful job seekers reduced the civilian labor force by 76,000 to 4,294,000. Statewide employment in September registered a small decline as the number of employed individuals fell by 16,000 during the month to 3,768,000. Significant job growth, however, was evident throughout the manufacturing sector signaling a much improved economic climate. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has climbed by 107,000 or three percent, while the size of the labor force has increased by 12,000. In September 1982, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 621,000, representing an unemployment rate of 14.5 percent.

Job Market Improves Across State

Following two straight months of declining payrolls, Michigan's wage and salary employment rebounded in September. Total industry jobs amounted to 3,235,600, the highest level recorded since December 1981. Approximately 68,900 employment opportunities were added as job gains were evident in all three sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing jobs at 915,500, experienced the largest monthly gain, primarily as a result of increased activity in the automotive and related industries. The 43,700 additional positions in the goods-producing sector, accounted for nearly 63 percent of the total employment gain in September. Private nonmanufacturing employment increased by 15,100 to total 1,750,400, as the settlement of the labor dispute within the transportation, communication and utilities industry accounted for most of the job gain. Public sector job climbed by 10,100 as educational facilities resumed operations following the summer recess period. Over the year, significant growth in the manufacturing and governmental sectors has enabled total wage and salary to increase by 45,000 positions or 1.4 percent. Since September 1982, manufacturing employment opportunities have climbed by 29,300 while government has grown by 17,300.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

September, 1983 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,294,000	3,768,000	527,000	12.3%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	147,400	135,400	12,000	8.1
Battle Creek SMSA	81,900	72,300	9,600	11.7
Bay City-SMSA	53,200	45,800	7,400	13.9
Benton Harbor-SMSA	69,000	59,800	9,200	13.3
Detroit	1,967,900	1,716,800	251,100	12.8
Flint-SMSA	225,600	192,900	32,700	14.5
Grand Rapids SMSA	332,600	298,500	34,100	10.3
Jackson-SMSA	64,000	54,800	9,200	14.4
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	138,000	124,300	13,700	9.9
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	243,600	221,400	22,200	9.1
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	78,600	67,400	11,200	14.2
Saginaw-SMSA	99,700	87,900	11,800	11.8
Upper Peninsula LMA	143,500	125,200	18,300	12.8

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

Item	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Sept. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4,294.0	4,370.0	4,404.0	4,282.0
Employment	3,768.0	3,784.0	3,829.0	3,661.0
Unemployment	527.0	586.0	575.0	621.0
Rate	12.3%	13.4%	13.1%	14.5%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,235.6	3,166.7	3,184.8	3,190.6
Manufacturing	915.5	871.8	872.2	886.2
Durables	710.2	668.2	672.2	686.9
Lumber & Wood Products	11.4	11.3	10.5	9.6
Furniture & Fixtures	22.2	21.1	20.6	21.4
Metals	158.0	151.0	148.7	151.2
Primary Metals	47.8	45.7*	46.0	48.0
Fabricated Metals	110.2	105.3*	102.7	103.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	117.8	113.8	115.1	127.6
Electrical Machinery	30.7*	26.7*	29.1	29.0
Transportation Equipment	336.7	311.6	315.6	313.8
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	318.8	293.8*	297.8	296.9
Other Transportation Equip.	17.9	17.8	17.8	16.9
Other Durables	33.4	32.7	32.6	34.3
Nondurables	205.3	203.6	200.0	199.3
Food & Kindred Products	49.8	51.3	49.5	49.3
Textiles & Apparel	20.2	19.2	18.5	18.9
Paper & Allied Products	21.3	21.1	21.0	20.9
Printing & Publishing	32.0	32.0	31.8	31.4
Chemicals & Petroleum	45.0	45.0	45.1	45.4
Other Nondurables	37.0	35.0	34.1	33.4
Nonmanufacturing	1,750.4	1,735.3	1,747.9	1,752.0
Construction	97.6	96.8	96.6	94.9*
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	136.4	121.2*	138.2	139.6
Wholesale Trade	149.0	148.1	146.2	149.9
Retail Trade	541.9	543.5	542.2	547.0
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	151.5	152.8	152.7	151.6
Services	663.2	661.9	661.4	659.1
Mining	10.8	11.0*	10.6	9.9
Government	569.7	559.6	564.7	552.4
Federal	56.1	57.1	58.3	57.3
State	143.4	136.9	133.6	136.6
Local	370.2*	365.6	372.8	358.5*
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	4.1	18.0	1.2	17.2

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the cooperative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1982 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

Following a slight increase in August due to automotive model changeover, the number of individuals collecting unemployment benefits in Michigan dropped significantly during September. The regular benefit claims load averaged 105,575 per week during the month, approximately 24,375 or 19 percent lower than the August total. In September 1982, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular program averaged 217,750.

Additionally, the number of individuals collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program continued to fall in September. The number of claimants receiving FSC benefits declined by 30,125 or 45 percent to average 36,800 for the month. The Extended Benefit (EB) program "triggered off" May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program Total	Regular Program Initial	Regular Program Cont'd	Federal Supplemental Compensation Total	Federal Supplemental Compensation Initial	Federal Supplemental Compensation Cont'd
September 3, 1983	111,200	17,400	93,800	42,000	3,800	38,200
September 10, 1983	104,300	13,200	91,100	33,000	3,600	29,400
September 17, 1983	105,300	13,400	91,900	34,300	3,500	30,800
September 24, 1983	101,500	13,300	88,200	37,900	3,600	34,300

Area Prices Increase Slightly

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area rose by one-tenth of a percent over the month to reach 299.2 in September. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of significant increases in men's apparel. Partially offsetting the higher clothing costs were slightly lower housing, fuel and food prices. Prices in the area climbed by 1.5 percent since September 1982 when the Consumer Price Index registered 294.9.

Nationally, the cost of living increased at a much faster pace as the Consumer Price Index totaled 301.8, up 1.5 points from a month ago. Increased prices were evident in all consumer items, however, apparel, medical goods and services and renters' costs were higher than the norm. Between September 1982 and September 1983, national consumer prices rose by 2.9 percent. A year ago, the national Consumer Price Index stood at 293.3.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan production workers in manufacturing industries climbed from 42.1 in August to 43.5 in September. The significant rise in hours worked was primarily the result of recalled automotive workers following model changeover. The average hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers increased by 28 cents to $11.77, while the average weekly earnings rose by $28.07 to reach $511.69. In September 1982, hourly earnings averaged $11.29 an hour or $431.09 per week for a 38.2 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/ Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Average Weekly Hours a/ Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Average Weekly Earnings a/ Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.77**	**$11.49**	**$11.29**	**43.5**	**42.1**	**38.2**	**$511.69**	**$483.62**	**$431.09**
DURABLE GOODS	12.29	12.00	11.75	43.9	42.2	37.8	538.83	505.80	444.52
Primary Metal Products	11.96	11.94	12.34	42.1	41.6	38.8	502.89	496.70	478.93
Fabricated Metal Products	11.38	11.18	10.80	43.5	42.0	37.6	495.37	469.24	405.75
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.68	11.68	11.62	41.7	41.3	38.3	487.32	482.81	444.82
Electrical Machinery	10.35	10.21	9.71	42.9	42.5	39.5	444.17	434.23	383.42
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.72	13.34	13.09	45.6	42.8	37.2	626.20	571.57	486.49
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.81	9.75	9.67	42.1	41.9	39.5	412.88	408.20	382.13
Contract Construction	14.14	14.06	14.16	38.0	37.4	35.6	537.92	525.06	503.51
Department Stores	6.11	6.11	5.84	29.9	29.9	31.5	182.63	182.80	183.96

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Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

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Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdictions(s) Included
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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Unemployment Shows Slight Increase

The incidence of joblessness in Michigan inched upward as the unemployment rate increased from 12.3 percent in September to 12.5 percent in October. The number of jobless workers climbed by 1,000 over the month to reach 528,000. Total employment dropped by 66,000 to total 3,702,000 primarily due to seasonal summer workers leaving the work force and the loss of agricultural jobs as the growing season neared completion. Along with the decrease in employment, the state's civilian labor force contracted by 65,000 largely in response to the removal of young people from summer employment payrolls. The decrease pushed total labor force down to 4,229,000 during the month. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 83,000 or 2.3 percent, while the size of the labor force has declined by one-half percent. In October 1982, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 633,000, representing a jobless rate of 14.9 percent.

Employment Opportunities Continue Upward

Wage and salary employment in Michigan increased for the second consecutive month during October and totaled 3,258,600. Approximately 23,000 positions were added as job gains in the manufacturing and governmental sectors were partially offset by minor losses in the nonmanufacturing sector. Public sector employment jumped by 18,500 to 588,200 as the majority of increased job activity was the result of the resumption of the school year at educational facilities. Total manufacturing employment at 920,300, inched upward by 4,800 primarily as a result of increased job gains in the transportation equipment industry. Employment opportunities within the private nonmanufacturing sector decreased slightly as losses in the retail trade and finance, real estate and insurance divisions more than offset the gains in service related industries. Total industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 77,100 or 2.4 percent since October 1982. Approximately 81,600 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while government and nonmanufacturing accounted for job losses of 4,600.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

October, 1983 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,229,000	3,702,000	528,000	12.5%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	145,500	134,000	11,500	7.9
Battle Creek SMSA	80,800	70,300	10,500	13.0
Bay City-SMSA	52,000	44,800	7,200	13.8
Benton Harbor-SMSA	69,300	59,600	9,700	14.0
Detroit	1,946,100	1,690,300	255,800	13.1
Flint-SMSA	221,300	189,700	31,600	14.3
Grand Rapids SMSA	327,200	294,000	33,200	10.1
Jackson-SMSA	63,200	54,000	9,200	14.6
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	135,300	122,000	13,300	9.8
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	243,000	222,000	21,000	8.6
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	76,700	65,700	11,000	14.3
Saginaw-SMSA	97,500	86,000	11,500	11.8
Upper Peninsula LMA	138,100	119,100	19,000	13.8

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State of Michigan

Item	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Oct. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,229.0	4,294.0	4,370.0	4,252.0
Employment	3,702.0	3,768.0	3,784.0	3,619.0
Unemployment	528.0	527.0	586.0	633.0
Rate	12.5%	12.3%	13.4%	14.9%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,258.6	3,235.6	3,166.7	3,181.5
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Services	666.7	663.2	661.9	656.3
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Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the second consecutive month in October. The regular benefit claims load averaged 99,820 per week in October, approximately 5,755 or five percent lower than the month ago total. In October 1982, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 247,660.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program inched downward. The number of claimants receiving FSC benefits decreased by 1,100 or three percent as the claims load averaged 35,700 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
October 1, 1983	99,800	14,100	85,700	36,900	3,800	33,100
October 8, 1983	95,900	14,100	81,800	33,900	3,500	30,400
October 15, 1983	96,900	13,300	83,600	34,300	3,600	30,700
October 22, 1983	101,800	18,300	83,500	36,400	4,300	32,100
October 29, 1983	104,700	18,200	86,500	37,000	4,500	32,500

Cost of Living Decreases

Prices in the Detroit metropolitan area fell for the first time in eight months as the Consumer Price Index dropped by one point to finish the month at 298.2. The decline in Detroit area prices was caused by substantial decreases in food, beverages and apparel costs. Prices in the area rose by one percent since October 1982 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 295.2.

On the national level, the cost of living inched upward by eight tenths of a point to total 302.6. The national increases were a direct result of higher transportation and medical care costs. Between October 1982 and October 1983, national consumer prices rose by 2.9 percent. One year ago, the U.S. Consumer Price Index stood at 294.1.

Hours and Earnings

The average work week of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries dropped from 43.5 hours in September to 43.3 hours in October. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the primary metal and automotive industries. During the month, average hourly earnings inched upward by one cent to $11.79, while average weekly earnings fell by $2.18 to total $510.60. In October 1982, earnings averaged $11.08 an hour or $441.31 per week for a 39.8 hour work week.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.79**	**$11.78**	**$11.08**	**43.3**	**43.5**	**39.8**	**$510.60**	**$512.78**	**$441.31**
DURABLE GOODS	12.28	12.29	11.54	43.6	43.9	39.7	535.61	540.29	458.03
Primary Metal Products	11.88	11.96	12.46	41.7	42.1	39.1	495.83	503.41	486.65
Fabricated Metal Products	11.51	11.45	10.52	43.4	43.5	39.1	499.60	498.13	411.46
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.65	11.69	11.34	41.6	41.7	39.1	483.98	487.95	443.31
Electrical Machinery	10.34	10.34	9.66	42.9	43.0	39.7	443.40	444.61	383.31
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.63	13.71	12.86	45.4	45.8	40.4	618.56	628.01	518.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.89	9.82	9.49	42.1	41.9	40.4	416.89	412.05	382.98
Contract Construction	13.97	14.15	13.98	35.7	38.0	37.3	498.56	537.67	521.17
Department Stores	6.12	6.11	5.82	29.9	29.9	31.4	183.02	182.49	182.75

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Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
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Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
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Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
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Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
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Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County

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Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
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Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
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St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
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State Unemployment Rate Falls

The jobless rate in Michigan fell to a two year low as the statewide unemployment rate dropped to 11.7 percent in November. The decrease in joblessness was primarily a result of unemployed individuals leaving the labor force. Total employment in November fell by 24,000 to 3,678,000, down from last month when 3,702,000 workers were employed. The drop in employment was a direct result of seasonal job losses in construction, agriculture, recreational activities and service related industries. Subsequently, the losses in employment and unemployment drove Michigan's civilian labor force down by 64,000 to finish the month at 4,165,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has climbed by 139,000 or 3.9 percent, while the size of the labor force has declined by 1.6 percent. In November 1982, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 694,000, representing a jobless rate of 16.4 percent.

Payroll Employment Continues Upward

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Michigan edged upward for the third consecutive month. In November, approximately 10,000 employment opportunities were added as job gains were centered in the manufacturing and government sectors. Manufacturing employment experienced the greatest gain as total sector jobs rose by 8,600 to 928,900. Additional opportunities were divided among the metals, machinery and transportation equipment industries. Public sector employment at 589,600, increased by 1,400 over the month. Private nonmanufacturing employment remained at last month's level even though various employment shifts took place within the sector. Since November 1982, total industry employment has climbed by 101,300 positions. Approximately 100,200 manufacturing jobs have been added, while nonmanufacturing and government levels have remained relatively stable.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

November, 1983 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,165,000	3,678,000	487,000	11.7%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	144,200	134,400	9,800	6.8
Battle Creek SMSA	79,600	70,000	9,600	12.1
Bay City-SMSA	51,400	44,200	7,200	14.0
Benton Harbor-SMSA	67,800	59,000	8,800	13.0
Detroit	1,907,500	1,682,100	225,400	11.8
Flint-SMSA	220,000	191,000	29,000	13.2
Grand Rapids SMSA	324,100	292,700	31,400	9.7
Jackson-SMSA	62,300	53,900	8,400	13.5
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	133,700	121,500	12,200	9.1
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	242,700	222,600	20,100	8.3
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	75,300	65,500	9,800	13.0
Saginaw-SMSA	97,300	86,000	11,300	11.6
Upper Peninsula LMA	137,000	115,100	21,900	16.0

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Nov. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,165.0	4,229.0	4,294.0	4,233.0
Employment	3,678.0	3,702.0	3,768.0	3,539.0
Unemployment	487.0	528.0	527.0	694.0
Rate	11.7%	12.5%	12.3%	16.4%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,268.6	3,258.6	3,235.6	3,167.3
Manufacturing	928.9	920.3	915.5	828.7
Durables	724.6	716.1	710.2	636.4
Lumber & Wood Products	11.4	11.3	11.4	9.9
Furniture & Fixtures	22.6	22.4	22.2	21.2
Metals	161.2	159.5	158.0	137.0
Primary Metals	48.9	48.1	47.8	42.2
Fabricated Metals	112.3	111.4	110.2	94.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	119.1	117.0	117.8	118.2
Electrical Machinery	31.0	30.3	30.7*	28.1
Transportation Equipment	344.6	341.6	336.7	289.5
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	326.4	323.5	318.8	273.3
Other Transportation Equip.	18.2	18.1	17.9	16.2
Other Durables	34.7	34.0	33.4	32.5
Nondurables	204.3	204.2	205.3	192.3
Food & Kindred Products	48.8	48.9	49.8	47.0*
Textiles & Apparel	20.7	20.2	20.2	16.9
Paper & Allied Products	21.5	21.1	21.3	20.9
Printing & Publishing	31.2	31.8	32.0	31.2
Chemicals & Petroleum	44.6	44.7	45.0	45.1
Other Nondurables	37.5	37.5	37.0	31.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,750.1	1,750.1	1,750.4	1,747.3
Construction	95.6	97.6	97.6	96.1
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	136.7	136.9	136.4	138.2
Wholesale Trade	147.5	149.0	149.0	148.9
Retail Trade	544.8	538.4	541.9	550.9
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	151.2	150.8	151.5	150.2
Services	663.8	666.7	663.2	653.7
Mining	10.5	10.7	10.8	9.3
Government	589.6	588.2	569.7	591.3
Federal	56.3	56.3	56.1	56.9
State	153.2	151.7	143.4	152.5
Local	380.1	380.2	370.2*	381.9
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.5	3.0	4.1	0.9

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1982 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1982 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

In November, the number of individuals collecting unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the first time in three months. The regular benefit claims load averaged 112,925 per week, approximately 13,105 or 13.1 percent higher than the previous month. In November 1982, the number of claimants drawing regular benefits averaged 268,350 per week.

Under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program, the number of individuals collecting benefits doubled the October figure. The number of claimants receiving FSC payments registered 72,750, an increase of 37,050 over the previous month. The Extended Benefits (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
November 5, 1983	114,300	19,600	94,700	56,200	5,600	50,600
November 12, 1983	111,500	22,900	88,600	66,200	5,700	60,500
November 19, 1983	109,900	19,000	90,900	85,000	4,200	80,800
November 26, 1983	116,000	19,600	96,400	83,600	4,100	79,500

Slight Increase in Area Prices

The cost of living in the Detroit metropolitan area inched upward as the Consumer Price Index totaled 299.9 points in November. The six-tenths percent rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of increased fuel and medical care costs. Prices in the Detroit metropolitan area climbed by 1.3 percent since November 1982 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 296.0.

At the national level, consumer prices increased slightly by one-half point to total 303.1. The national increases were a direct result of higher transportation and medical care costs. Over the year, consumer prices have risen by 3.2 percent. In November 1982 the U.S. Consumer Price Index stood at 293.6.

Hours and Earnings

In manufacturing industries, the average workweek of Michigan production workers rose slightly from 43.3 in October to 43.8 in November. The increased workweek was a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the motor vehicle industry. The average hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers edged upward by eight cents to $11.87, while average weekly earnings climbed by $9.97 to reach $520.15. In November 1982, earnings averaged $11.17 an hour or $454.00 per week for a 40.7 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.87**	**$11.79**	**$11.17**	**43.8**	**43.3**	**40.7**	**$520.15**	**$510.18**	**$454.00**
DURABLE GOODS	12.37	12.28	11.62	44.2	43.6	40.7	546.78	535.32	472.52
Primary Metal Products	11.81	11.87	12.67	42.0	41.7	39.8	496.56	494.64	503.73
Fabricated Metal Products	11.66	11.52	10.67	43.9	43.1	39.6	511.55	497.14	422.24
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.73	11.65	11.38	42.2	41.6	40.0	495.16	484.34	454.85
Electrical Machinery	10.18	10.27	9.69	42.8	43.1	40.1	435.68	442.93	388.85
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.76	13.65	12.89	46.2	45.4	41.8	635.65	619.12	539.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.92	9.88	9.59	42.2	42.1	40.6	418.83	416.11	389.52
Contract Construction	14.00	13.98	14.77	36.7	35.8	34.2	513.11	500.16	504.91
Department Stores	6.15	6.17	5.85	29.2	29.3	30.8	179.66	180.44	180.18

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
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Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
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Luce County	Luce County
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Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
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St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
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Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
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Slight Increase in State Rate

Unemployment in Michigan edged upward as the jobless rate increased from 11.7 percent in November to 11.9 percent in December. The rise in unemployment was primarily the result of jobseekers entering the labor force in search of holiday employment. The number of jobless individuals climbed by 12,000 over the month to reach 501,000. The state's civilian labor force expanded by 37,000 in December largely in response to holiday jobseekers. Most of the individuals seeking work were successful as total employment increased by 24,000 to total 3,714,000. Preliminary estimates indicate that Michigan's 1983 annual average jobless rate of 14.2 is considerably less than the 15.5 percent of 1982. Compared with a year ago, employment has climbed by 158,000 or 4.4 percent, while the size of the labor force has dropped by 81,000. In December 1982, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 741,000, representing a jobless rate of 17.2 percent.

Employment Level Continues to Rise

Michigan's wage and salary employment rose for the fourth consecutive month to total 3,276,900. Approximately 8,400 positions were added as job gains in the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors were only marginally offset by losses in the government sector. Manufacturing employment edged up 8,800 to total 933,800 as increases were centered in the transportation equipment and metal industries. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector also recorded a significant increase as total jobs climbed to 1,764,700, up 10,800 from November. Most of the additional positions were primarily in the retail and wholesale trade industries. Government jobs declined by 10,200 to total 579,400. Total industry employment in Michigan has increased by 3.5 percent or 111,000 positions since December 1982. Manufacturing employment has accounted for approximately 95 percent of the yearly job growth, while nonmanufacturing gains have been largely offset by government losses.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

December, 1983 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,215,000	3,714,000	501,000	11.9%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	145,500	135,600	9,900	6.8
Battle Creek SMSA	80,300	70,600	9,700	12.1
Bay City-SMSA	51,600	44,000	7,600	14.7
Benton Harbor-SMSA	68,100	58,900	9,200	13.5
Detroit	1,934,700	1,706,500	228,200	11.8
Flint-SMSA	222,200	193,900	28,300	12.7
Grand Rapids SMSA	327,400	294,500	32,900	10.0
Jackson-SMSA	62,300	54,400	7,900	12.7
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	135,900	121,600	14,300	10.5
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	239,200	218,800	20,400	8.5
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	75,700	65,700	10,000	13.2
Saginaw-SMSA	98,100	87,000	11,100	11.3
Upper Peninsula LMA	136,100	112,600	23,500	17.3

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Dec. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,216.0	4,179.0	4,245.0	4,297.0
Employment	3,714.0	3,690.0	3,715.0	3,556.0
Unemployment	501.0	489.0	530.0	741.0
Rate	11.9%	11.7%	12.5%	17.2%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,276.9	3,268.6	3,258.6	3,165.9
Manufacturing	932.8	925.0	920.3	826.6
Durables	728.4	720.7	716.1	633.9
Lumber & Wood Products	11.2	11.3	11.3	9.6
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Construction	87.8	95.8	97.6	90.2
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	136.5	136.8	136.9	137.3
Wholesale Trade	151.0	149.3	149.0	147.6
Retail Trade	562.4	547.3	538.4	561.8
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	151.9	151.2	150.8	150.2
Services	665.2	663.0	666.7	655.0
Mining	9.9	10.5	10.7	10.2
Government	579.4	589.6	588.2	587.0
Federal	56.9	56.3	56.3	57.1
State	143.8	153.2	151.7	150.7
Local	378.7	380.1	380.2	379.2
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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1982 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the second consecutive month in December. The regular benefits claims load averaged 129,180 or 13 percent higher than the month ago total. In December 1982, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 283,740.

During the month of December, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program fell by 25,450 or 35 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 47,300 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
December 3, 1983	113,400	16,700	96,700	68,500	3,500	65,000
December 10, 1983	124,000	19,900	104,100	52,600	4,200	48,400
December 17, 1983	130,700	17,300	113,400	42,300	3,700	38,600
December 24, 1983	142,000	23,200	118,800	40,200	4,200	36,000
December 31, 1983	135,800	26,800	109,000	32,900	3,300	29,600

Prices Rise Slowly Throughout the Area

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area edged upward by one-tenth of a percent over the month to reach 300.1 in December. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of increases in medical care and transportation costs. Prices in the area rose by 2.6 percent since December 1982 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 292.6.

At the national level, the cost of living inched upward by four-tenths of a point to total 303.5. Reflecting Detroit area trends, higher medical costs were the primary reason behind the rise in prices. Between December 1982 and December 1983, national consumer prices rose by 3.8 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 292.4.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries dipped from 43.8 hours in November to 43.7 hours in December. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of fewer hours worked by individuals in the automotive industry. During the month, average hourly earnings climbed by ten cents to $12.02, while average weekly earnings increased by $3.70 to total $525.91. In December 1982, earnings averaged $11.29 an hour or $466.11 per week for a 41.3 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$12.02**	**$11.92**	**$11.29**	**43.7**	**43.8**	**41.3**	**$525.91**	**$522.21**	**$466.11**
DURABLE GOODS	12.51	12.42	11.75	44.1	44.2	41.3	551.88	549.26	485.45
Primary Metal Products	11.93	11.99	12.68	42.5	42.0	40.7	506.73	504.27	515.59
Fabricated Metal Products	11.89	11.67	10.86	44.6	43.8	40.7	530.11	510.66	441.39
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.97	11.74	11.35	43.6	42.4	40.9	522.33	497.10	464.83
Electrical Machinery	10.56	10.42	9.88	43.1	43.5	40.4	454.87	453.60	399.61
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.87	13.80	13.10	44.9	46.1	42.1	622.80	635.79	550.77
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.08	9.93	9.69	42.3	42.3	41.2	426.43	419.75	399.47
Contract Construction	14.05	14.11	14.72	35.3	36.6	36.4	496.36	515.79	535.19
Department Stores	6.08	6.17	5.80	30.7	29.0	31.5	186.78	179.00	182.70

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Seasonal Trends Increase Joblessness

Unemployment in Michigan edged upward as normal seasonal job losses pushed the state's January jobless rate up to 12.8 percent from 11.9 percent in December. The rate represents 530,000 unemployed individuals, approximately 29,000 more than the total of a month ago. The unemployment increase was due primarily to retail workers losing their temporary holiday jobs. Total employment in January registered a significant decline as the number of employed individuals fell by 98,000 during the month to 3,616,000. Additionally, the loss of seasonal job holders and unsuccessful job seekers reduced the civilian labor force by 69,000 to 4,146,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 73,000 or 2.1 percent, while the size of the labor force has dropped by 123,000. In January 1983, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 726,000, representing a jobless rate of 17.0 percent.

Payroll Employment Decreases

Wage and salary employment in Michigan declined for the first time in five months. In January, approximately 52,000 employment opportunities were eliminated as job losses were evident in all three sectors of the economy. Private nonmanufacturing employment experienced the largest job decline as total jobs within the sector fell by 39,800. Normal seasonal patterns were followed as the majority of furloughed workers were centered in the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Total manufacturing jobs edged downward by 9,000 to 923,300 primarily in response to scattered production adjustments in the automotive industry. Public sector employment decreased slightly as local level losses were partially offset by state level gains. Total industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 123,500 or four percent since January 1983. Manufacturing employment has accounted for 75 percent of the increase while nonmanufacturing jobs rose by 37,600 over the year.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

January, 1984 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,146,000	3,616,000	530,000	12.8%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	141,600	131,100	10,500	7.4
Battle Creek SMSA	77,500	66,700	10,800	13.9
Bay City-SMSA	51,000	42,800	8,200	16.1
Benton Harbor-SMSA	68,300	58,600	9,700	14.2
Detroit	1,898,700	1,660,200	238,500	12.6
Flint-SMSA	215,600	186,100	29,500	13.7
Grand Rapids SMSA	322,800	288,800	34,000	10.5
Jackson-SMSA	62,600	53,400	9,200	14.7
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	136,300	120,800	15,500	11.4
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	240,600	219,400	21,200	8.8
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	73,600	62,600	11,000	14.9
Saginaw-SMSA	95,500	83,700	11,800	12.4
Upper Peninsula LMA	137,800	111,700	26,100	18.9

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Jan. 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,146.0	4,215.5	4,179.5	4,269.4
Employment	3,616.0	3,714.1	3,690.3	3,543.3
Unemployment	530.0	501.4	489.2	726.1
Rate	12.8%	11.9%	11.7%	17.0%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,221.8	3,273.8	3,262.9	3,098.3
Manufacturing	923.3	932.3	924.5	833.7
Durables	725.6	735.0	727.4	646.8
Lumber & Wood Products	11.1	11.1	11.2	9.7
Furniture & Fixtures	22.9	23.3	23.4	21.5
Metals	164.9	164.8	161.5	142.4
Primary Metals	53.5	53.4	52.7	47.1
Fabricated Metals	111.4	111.4	108.8	95.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	120.1	121.9	119.4	115.9
Electrical Machinery	31.5	28.5	28.3	29.7
Transportation Equipment	339.2	348.6	346.2	294.5
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	320.7	330.1	327.8	277.9
Other Transportation Equip.	18.5	18.5	18.4	16.6
Other Durables	35.9	36.8	37.4	33.1
Nondurables	197.6	197.3	197.1	186.9
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	45.6	46.0	43.7
Textiles & Apparel	20.5	20.7	20.6	17.0
Paper & Allied Products	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.0
Printing & Publishing	33.3	33.4	32.6	32.8
Chemicals & Petroleum	42.4	42.3	42.4	43.2
Other Nondurables	35.7	34.8	35.0	30.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,727.5	1,767.3	1,755.9	1,689.9
Construction	79.1	86.0	93.3	74.9
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	138.0	137.7	138.3	137.0
Wholesale Trade	152.7	152.5	150.8	146.7
Retail Trade	540.6	567.4	552.3	530.6
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	152.9	152.1	151.5	149.5
Services	654.9	663.2	660.8	642.6
Mining	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.6
Government	571.1	574.2	582.5	574.7
Federal	54.8	55.5	54.9	55.3
State	144.6	139.4	146.4	143.5
Local	371.7	379.3	381.2	375.9
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1983 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1983 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan continued to increase during the month of January. The regular benefits claims load averaged 152,300 per week during the month, approximately 23,120, or 18 percent higher than the December total. In January 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 302,150.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program continued to decline in January. The number of claimants receiving FSC fell by 15,175, or 32 percent, to average 32,125 for the month. The Extended Benefits (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
January 7, 1984	135,900	19,300	116,600	32,000	3,000	29,000
January 14, 1984	163,900	25,500	138,400	33,300	3,100	30,200
January 21, 1984	153,000	17,900	135,100	31,900	2,900	29,000
January 28, 1984	156,400	17,300	139,100	31,300	3,100	28,200

1983 Benchmark Released

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly sample-based survey of households which provides Michigan with state estimates of employment, unemployment and civilian labor force data. Since the size of the sample is not sufficient to obtain reliable monthly labor market area estimates, they are derived from state U.I. operations and adjustment factors based on CPS data.

Each year, the monthly CPS labor force and unemployment estimates for Michigan are revised to new population controls. Consequently, estimates for labor market areas must also be adjusted annually to the new state totals. The data in this newsletter reflect the 1983 CPS adjustments for Michigan and the local area.

Additionally, the benchmark procedure also involves the adjustment of industry employment estimates. These estimates which are based on a monthly sample of employers, are revised annually to the total count of covered jobs reported under the Michigan Employment Security Act. The data in this newsletter are based on the March 1983 wage and salary employment benchmark.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries inched upward from 43.8 hours in December to 44.0 hours in January. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the automotive industry. During the month, average hourly earnings rose by six cents to $12.04, while average weekly earnings climbed by $5.06 to total $529.41. In January 1983, earnings averaged $11.40 an hour or $468.59 per week for a 41.1 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$12.04**	**$11.98**	**$11.40**	**44.0**	**43.8**	**41.1**	**$529.41**	**$524.35**	**$468.59**
DURABLE GOODS	12.54	12.46	11.86	44.5	44.1	41.3	557.46	549.85	489.30
Primary Metal Products	12.36	12.04	12.83	42.6	42.4	40.8	526.12	511.16	523.85
Fabricated Metal Products	11.85	11.89	11.00	43.9	44.6	40.2	520.85	530.62	442.33
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.92	11.96	11.50	43.5	43.8	40.2	518.00	523.53	462.00
Electrical Machinery	10.02	10.33	9.73	41.5	42.8	39.7	415.65	442.22	386.23
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.06	13.86	13.14	46.3	45.0	42.7	651.35	623.83	561.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.07	10.10	9.69	42.1	42.3	40.6	424.09	426.98	393.60
Contract Construction	14.57	14.23	14.89	35.6	35.4	35.8	518.94	503.45	532.64
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State Unemployment Rate Slips Downward

The jobless rate in Michigan dipped slightly as the statewide unemployment rate declined to 12.6 percent in February. The decrease in joblessness was primarily the result of an improving economy and a substantial increase in employment. Total employment in February climbed by 93,000 to 3,709,000 as job gains were centered in manufacturing and government. The number of unemployed individuals in the state rose by 5,000 to reach 535,000. Subsequently, the gains in both employment and unemployment drove the civilian labor force up by 99,000 to finish the month at 4,245,000. Compard with a year ago, employment in the state has jumped by 162,000 or 4.6 percent, while the size of the labor force has declined by 3,000. In February 1983, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 701,000, representing a jobless rate of 16.5 percent.

Expanded Job Activity Throughout State

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Michigan increased as total industry jobs climbed to 3,240,500 in February. Approximately 18,700 positions were added as job gains in manufacturing and government offset seasonal losses in nonmanufacturing. Public sector employment rose by 11,600 to 582,700 as the majority of increased job activity was the result of the resumption of the school year at educational facilities. Total manufacturing employment at 932,400 inched upward by 9,200, primarily as a result of gains in automotive related industries. Private nonmanufacturing edged downward by 2,100 as service and wholesale trade advances partially offset seasonal losses in the retail trade division. Total industry employment in Michigan has jumped by 126,900 or 4.1 percent since February 1983. Approximately 88,500 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, with nonmanufacturing accounting for gains of 41,800.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

February, 1984 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,245,000	3,709,000	535,000	12.6%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	150,100	137,700	12,400	8.3
Battle Creek SMSA	79,000	68,200	10,800	13.7
Bay City-SMSA	52,100	43,400	8,700	16.7
Benton Harbor-SMSA	70,200	60,000	10,200	14.5
Detroit	1,941,900	1,701,300	240,600	12.4
Flint-SMSA	219,200	190,700	28,500	13.0
Grand Rapids SMSA	330,100	297,100	33,000	10.0
Jackson-SMSA	63,500	54,700	8,800	13.9
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	138,400	124,400	14,000	10.1
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	246,600	225,700	20,900	8.5
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	74,900	64,100	10,800	14.4
Saginaw-SMSA	96,700	85,100	11,600	12.0
Upper Peninsula LMA	141,400	114,000	27,400	19.4

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

Item	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Feb. 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4,245.0	4,146.0	4,215.5	4,248.2
Employment	3,709.0	3,616.0	3,714.1	3,547.2
Unemployment	535.0	530.0	501.4	701.0
Rate	12.6%	12.8%	11.9%	16.5%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,240.5	3,221.8	3,273.8	3,113.6
Manufacturing	932.4	923.2	932.3	843.9
Durables	735.0	725.6	735.0	657.1
Lumber & Wood Products	11.0	11.1	11.1	9.7
Furniture & Fixtures	22.8	22.9	23.3	20.5
Metals	165.7	164.9	164.8	146.4
Primary Metals	53.8	53.5	53.4	48.0
Fabricated Metals	111.9	111.4	111.4	98.4
Nonelectrical Machinery	121.5	120.1	121.9	116.6
Electrical Machinery	31.9	31.5	28.5	29.8
Transportation Equipment	345.8	339.2	348.6	301.2
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	327.0	320.7	330.1	284.3
Other Transportation Equip.	18.8	18.5	18.5	16.9
Other Durables	36.3	35.9	36.8	32.9
Nondurables	194.3	197.6	197.3	186.8
Food & Kindred Products	41.8	45.3	45.6	42.5
Textiles & Apparel	20.3	20.5	20.7	17.4
Paper & Allied Products	20.6	20.4	20.5	20.0
Printing & Publishing	33.6	33.3	33.4	32.6
Chemicals & Petroleum	41.8	42.4	42.3	43.1
Other Nondurables	36.2	35.7	34.8	31.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,725.4	1,727.5	1,767.3	1,683.6
Construction	79.4	79.1	86.0	71.9
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	138.2	138.0	137.7	136.7
Wholesale Trade	154.8	152.7	152.5	146.3
Retail Trade	531.6	540.6	567.4	522.0
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	153.2	152.9	152.1	149.8
Services	659.8	655.8	663.2	648.8
Mining	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1
Government	582.7	571.1	574.2	586.1
Federal	54.9	54.8	55.5	55.2
State	147.5	144.6	139.4	146.0
Local	380.3	371.7	379.3	384.9
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.4

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Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the first time in four months. The regular benefit claims load averaged 149,525 per week in February, approximately 2,775 or two percent lower than the month ago total. In February 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular program averaged 259,275.

During the month of February, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program inched dov nward to 30,175, a decrease of 1,950 or six percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits one year ago, amounted to 107,975. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program Total	Regular Program Initial	Regular Program Cont'd	Federal Supplemental Compensation Total	Federal Supplemental Compensation Initial	Federal Supplemental Compensation Cont'd
February 4, 1984	153,800	19,100	134,700	30,400	3,100	27,300
February 11, 1984	149,900	16,600	133,300	30,600	3,200	27,400
February 18, 1984	147,800	14,900	132,900	30,000	3,400	26,600
February 25, 1984	146,600	17,000	129,600	29,700	3,300	26,400

Detroit Area Prices Jump

The cost of living in the Detroit metropolitan area increased as the Consumer Price Index totaled 303.1 points in February. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of soaring food prices caused mostly by unusually harsh weather conditions. Prices in the area rose by 3.7 percent since February 1983 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 292.3.

At the national level, consumer prices climbed at a slightly slower rate as the cost of living index climbed by 1.4 points to 306.6. The national increases reflected Detroit area trends as higher food costs were the main reason for the rise in prices. Over the past year, national consumer prices jumped by 13.4 points. In February 1983, the U.S. Consumer Price Index stood at 293.2.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries inched downward from 43.9 hours in January to 43.4 hours in February. The decline occurred primarily as a result of shorter hours worked by individuals in the automotive industry. During the month, average hourly earnings fell by seven cents to $11.99, while average weekly earnings dropped by $9.07 to total $520.38. In February 1983, earnings averaged $11.41 an hour or $472.71 per week for a 41.4 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/ Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Average Weekly Hours a/ Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Average Weekly Earnings a/ Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.99**	**$12.06**	**$11.41**	**43.4**	**43.9**	**41.4**	**$520.38**	**$529.45**	**$472.71**
DURABLE GOODS	12.47	12.55	11.87	43.9	44.4	41.6	547.49	557.06	493.40
Primary Metal Products	12.28	12.32	12.54	42.3	42.5	40.7	519.01	523.60	510.57
Fabricated Metal Products	11.79	11.88	10.97	44.1	44.0	40.7	519.76	522.20	446.78
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.95	11.96	11.47	43.2	43.3	40.6	516.54	517.97	465.69
Electrical Machinery	10.14	10.02	10.03	40.6	41.4	40.5	411.90	414.29	405.79
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.94	14.06	13.18	45.4	46.3	42.8	632.32	650.84	564.13
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.02	10.11	9.70	41.5	42.1	40.9	416.17	425.82	396.97
Contract Construction	14.42	14.60	14.97	35.5	35.3	35.6	512.45	515.60	532.24
Department Stores	6.28	6.20	6.49	29.1	29.6	26.5	182.91	183.36	171.98

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Lake County	Lake County
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Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
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Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
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JOBLESS RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE

The Michigan unemployment rate inched downward by one tenth of a percentage point over the month as the jobless rate slipped from 12.6 percent in February to 12.5 percent in March. The rate decrease represents approximately 539,000 individuals seeking employment during the month. The decline in joblessness was primarily a result of job gains in the retail and service industries and limited growth in the manufacturing sector. Total employment in March registered a small gain as the number of employed residents climbed by 48,000 to reach 3,757,000. Subsequently, the gains in both employment and unemployment pushed the civilian labor force up by 51,000 to finish the month at 4,296,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in the state has leaped by 240,000 or 6.8 percent, while the size of the labor force has expanded by 58,000. In March 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 722,000, representing an unemployment rate of 17.0 percent.

STATE PAYROLLS CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

Wage and salary employment in Michigan increased for the second consecutive month as total industry jobs rose to 3,255,300 in March. Employment opportunities edged upward by approximately 14,900 as gains were evident in all three major sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 936,900, inched upward by 4,600 primarily as a result of increased job gains in the metals, machinery and transportation equipment industries. Private nonmanufacturing employment jumped by 8,500 to 1,733,900 in March, as normal seasonal patterns increased hiring activities throughout the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Public sector payrolls climbed by 1,800 as federal and local gains were partially offset by state level losses. Since March 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 125,700 positions or four percent. Approximately 87,600 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while nonmanufacturing climbed by 40,400 and government fell by 2,300.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
MARCH 1984 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,296,000	3,757,000	539,000	12.5
Ann Arbor SMSA	150,600	139,700	10,900	7.2
Battle Creek SMSA	79,500	69,200	10,300	13.0
Bay City SMSA	52,400	44,000	8,400	16.0
Benton Harbor SMSA	70,500	61,000	9,500	13.5
Detroit SMSA	1,963,500	1,721,700	241,800	12.3
Flint SMSA	221,600	192,500	29,100	13.1
Grand Rapids SMSA	334,700	301,100	33,600	10.0
Jackson SMSA	64,500	55,600	8,900	13.8
Kalamazoo SMSA	140,300	125,900	14,400	10.3
Lansing SMSA	249,600	228,100	21,500	8.6
Muskegon SMSA	76,100	65,100	11,000	14.5
Saginaw SMSA	98,600	86,500	12,100	12.3
Upper Peninsula LMA	143,200	115,300	27,900	19.5

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

Item	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Mar. 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4,296.0	4,244.0	4,146.0	4,238.0
Employment	3,757.0	3,709.0	3,616.0	3,517.0
Unemployment	539.0	535.0	530.0	722.0
Rate	12.5%	12.6%	12.8%	17.0%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,255.3	3,240.4	3,221.8	3,129.6
Manufacturing	936.9	932.3	923.2	849.3
Durables	740.0	735.0	725.6	661.4
Lumber & Wood Products	11.5	11.0	11.1	9.6
Furniture & Fixtures	22.9	22.8	22.9	20.2
Metals	166.7	165.7	164.9	147.4
Primary Metals	54.1	53.8	53.5	48.7
Fabricated Metals	112.6	111.9	111.4	98.7
Nonelectrical Machinery	122.8	121.5	120.1	116.3
Electrical Machinery	32.4	31.9	31.5	30.1
Transportation Equipment	347.6	345.8	339.2	304.4
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	328.3	327.0	320.7	286.9
Other Transportation Equip.	19.3	18.8	18.5	17.5
Other Durables	36.1	36.3	35.9	33.4
Nondurables	196.9	197.3	197.6	187.9
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	44.8	45.3	42.8
Textiles & Apparel	20.3	20.3	20.5	17.6
Paper & Allied Products	20.5	20.6	20.4	20.0
Printing & Publishing	33.6	33.6	33.3	32.9
Chemicals & Petroleum	41.5	41.8	42.4	42.9
Other Nondurables	36.0	36.2	35.7	31.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,733.9	1,725.4	1,727.5	1,693.5
Construction	81.3	79.4	79.1	73.1
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	138.5	138.2	138.0	137.2
Wholesale Trade	155.3	154.8	152.7	146.9
Retail Trade	536.4	531.6	540.6	526.7
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	153.5	153.2	152.9	149.8
Services	660.3	659.8	655.8	651.6
Mining	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.2
Government	584.5	582.7	571.1	586.8
Federal	55.2	54.9	54.8	55.5
State	147.3	147.5	144.6	144.5
Local	382.0	380.3	371.7	386.8
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.2	0.5	0.4	2.1

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Claims Activity

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the second consecutive month in March. The regular benefits claims load averaged 138,240 or 7.5 percent lower than the month ago total. In March 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 229,325.

During the month of March, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program inched upward by 345 or one percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 30,520 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
March 3, 1984	144,700	14,500	130,200	30,400	3,700	26,700
March 10, 1984	142,100	13,900	128,200	30,200	3,500	26,700
March 17, 1984	137,200	12,800	124,400	30,400	3,500	26,900
March 24, 1984	136,100	16,100	120,000	30,700	3,600	27,100
March 31, 1984	131,100	13,300	117,800	30,900	3,500	27,400

Slight Increase in Area Prices

The consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area inched upward by three-tenths of a percent over the month to reach 304.1 in March. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of higher housing and transportation costs. Prices in the area rose by four percent since March 1983 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 292.4.

At the national level, the cost of living climbed by seven-tenths of a point to total 307.3. The national increase was a direct result of higher prices for men and women's apparel. Between March 1983 and March 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.7 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 293.4.

Hours and Earnings

The average hourly earning of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries rose from $12.00 in February to $12.12 in March. The rise occurred primarily as a result of higher wages paid to workers in various goods-producing industries.

During the month, average weekly earnings jumped by $4.90 to $525.59, while the average workweek remained stable at 43.4 hours. In March 1983, earnings averaged $11.41 an hour or $476.28 per week for a 41.7 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$12.12**	**$12.00**	**$11.41**	**43.4**	**43.4**	**41.7**	**$525.59**	**$520.69**	**$476.28**
DURABLE GOODS	12.63	12.48	11.88	43.8	43.9	42.0	553.00	547.59	498.68
Primary Metal Products	12.30	12.27	12.34	41.9	42.3	40.4	515.08	519.30	498.32
Fabricated Metal Products	11.88	11.79	11.15	43.4	44.0	41.5	515.21	519.43	462.98
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.02	11.96	11.48	43.3	43.1	40.7	520.75	515.88	467.10
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NONDURABLE GOODS	10.05	10.04	9.67	41.7	41.5	40.9	418.71	417.04	394.97
Contract Construction	14.57	14.62	14.82	35.7	35.6	35.0	520.74	521.07	518.96
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JOBLESSNESS CONTINUES TO DECLINE ACROSS THE STATE

Unemployment in Michigan fell for the third consecutive month as the jobless rate dropped from 12.5 percent in March to 11.0 percent in April. The rate decrease represents 60,000 fewer individuals out of work, as total local residents seeking employment declined to 479,000. The decrease in joblessness was primarily a result of seasonal job gains throughout the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Total employment in April registered a gain as the number of employed residents climbed by 95,000 to reach 3,852,000. Along with the rise in employment, the state's civilian labor force expanded by 35,000 largely in response to seasonal advances. The increase pushed the total labor force up to 4,331,000 during the month. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 219,000 or six percent, while the size of the labor force has inched upward by 30,000. In April 1983, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 668,000, representing a jobless rate of 15.5 percent.

EMPLOYER PAYROLLS CONTINUE TO EXPAND

Wage and salary employment in Michigan increased for the third consecutive month as total industry jobs climbed to 3,263,800 in April. Employment opportunities inched upward by approximately 8,500 as nonmanufacturing advances offset manufacturing and governmental losses. Total manufacturing employment at 928,800, dipped by 8,100 primarily as a result of significant losses in the transportation equipment industry. Private nonmanufacturing employment jumped by 20,400 to 1,754,300 in April, as normal seasonal patterns increased hiring activities throughout the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Public sector payrolls dropped by 3,800 as the majority of losses occurred at the state and local levels. Since April 1983, industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 118,400 positions or 3.8 percent. Approximately 66,100 manufacturing and 54,500 nonmanufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while government positions have slipped by 2,200.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
APRIL 1984 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,331,000	3,852,000	479,000	11.0
Ann Arbor SMSA	152,700	143,100	9,600	6.3
Battle Creek SMSA	79,300	70,400	8,900	11.2
Bay City SMSA	52,400	45,300	7,100	13.5
Benton Harbor SMSA	71,300	62,900	8,400	11.8
Detroit SMSA	1,976,000	1,769,100	206,900	10.5
Flint SMSA	223,900	197,000	26,900	12.0
Grand Rapids SMSA	336,100	307,500	28,600	8.5
Jackson SMSA	64,900	57,100	7,800	12.0
Kalamazoo SMSA	141,400	129,600	11,800	8.3
Lansing SMSA	257,500	223,600	33,900	13.2
Muskegon SMSA	76,700	67,100	9,600	12.5
Saginaw SMSA	99,800	88,800	11,000	11.0
Upper Peninsula LMA	143,200	119,500	23,700	16.6

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	APR 1984	MAR 1984	FEB 1984	APR 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4331.0	4296.0	4244.0	4301.0
Employment	3852.0	3757.0	3709.0	3633.0
Unemployment	479.0	539.0	535.0	668.0
Rate	11.0	12.5	12.6	15.5
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3263.8	3255.3	3240.4	3145.4
Manufacturing	928.8	936.9	932.3	862.7
Durables	732.0	740.0	735.0	673.5
Lumber and Wood Products	11.4	11.5	11.0	9.9
Furniture and Fixtures	23.0	22.9	22.8	20.1
Metals	167.3	166.7	165.7	149.8
Primary Metals	53.9	54.1	53.8	50.6
Fabricated Metals	113.4	112.6	111.9	99.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	123.5	122.8	121.5	115.2
Electrical Machinery	32.6	32.4	31.9	30.8
Transportation Equipment	337.4	347.6	345.8	313.7
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	318.2	328.3	327.0	296.4
Other Transportation Equip.	19.2	19.3	18.8	17.3
Other Durables	36.8	36.1	36.3	34.0
Nondurables	196.8	196.9	197.3	189.2
Food and Kindred	45.5	45.0	44.8	42.9
Textiles and Apparel	20.2	20.3	20.3	18.4
Paper Products	20.2	20.5	20.6	20.0
Printing and Publishing	34.0	33.6	33.6	33.1
Chemicals and Petroleum	41.5	41.5	41.8	42.7
Other Nondurables	35.4	36.0	36.2	32.1
Nonmanufacturing	1754.3	1733.9	1725.4	1699.8
Construction	90.7	81.3	79.4	76.7
Trans., Commun., Utilities	137.7	138.5	138.2	137.2
Wholesale Trade	155.6	155.3	154.8	143.9
Retail Trade	545.7	536.4	531.6	532.9
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	154.1	153.5	153.2	149.6
Services	661.4	660.3	659.8	651.1
Mining	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.4
Government	580.7	584.5	582.7	582.9
Federal	55.1	55.2	54.9	55.5
State	146.6	147.3	147.5	146.0
Local	379.0	382.0	380.3	381.4
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1983 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1983 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the third consecutive month in April. The regular benefits claims load averaged 121,575 per week in April, approximately 16,665 or 12.1 percent lower than the month ago total. In April 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 158,000.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program inched upward by 255 or one percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 30,775 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
April 07, 1984	128,800	14,000	114,800	31,400	3,800	27,600
April 14, 1984	124,700	15,300	109,400	31,200	3,300	27,900
April 21, 1984	119,100	12,600	106,500	30,600	3,300	27,300
April 28, 1984	113,700	12,100	101,600	29,900	3,200	26,700

DETROIT PRICES INCREASE SLIGHTLY

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area rose by five-tenths of a percent over the month to reach 305.6 in April. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of increases in food and beverage and transportation costs. Prices in the area climbed by 3.6 percent since April 1983 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 294.9.

At the national level, the cost of living increased by 1.5 points to reach 308.8. Reflecting Detroit area trends, higher transportation costs was the primary reason behind the rise in prices. Between April 1983 and April 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.5 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 295.5.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries rose from 43.3 hours in March to 43.9 hours in April. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the fabricated metal and electrical machinery industries.

During the month, average hourly earnings dipped by one cent to $12.10, while average weekly earnings climbed by $6.71 to total $530.95. In April 1983, earnings averaged $11.52 an hour or $488.02 per week for a 42.4 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.10	$12.11	$11.52	43.9	43.3	42.4	$530.95	$524.24	$488.02
DURABLE GOODS	12.60	12.62	11.97	44.2	43.7	42.7	557.54	551.19	511.01
Primary Metal Products	12.23	12.30	12.28	41.6	41.8	40.8	508.84	514.54	501.09
Fabricated Metal Products	12.05	11.87	11.34	44.2	43.4	42.1	532.88	514.86	476.89
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.09	12.01	11.46	43.6	43.4	40.5	527.15	521.10	464.01
Electrical Machinery	10.56	10.44	10.09	42.9	41.6	42.3	453.50	434.01	426.88
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.14	14.21	13.27	45.8	45.1	44.5	648.25	640.66	591.16
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.11	10.02	9.80	42.4	41.8	41.2	428.82	419.08	403.25
Contract Construction	14.47	14.53	14.94	37.3	35.7	35.7	540.34	518.27	533.77
Department Stores	6.24	6.24	6.11	29.1	28.9	28.0	181.60	180.61	171.08

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

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Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
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Mecosta County	Mecosta County
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Missaukee County	Missaukee County
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Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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JOB SERVICE

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STATE JOBLESS RATE INCREASES SLIGHTLY

Unemployment in Michigan inched upward as the jobless rate increased from 11.1 percent in April to 11.3 percent in May. The rise in joblessness was primarily the result of unsuccessful summer jobseekers entering the state's work force. The rate increase represents an additional 18,000 individuals out of work, as total local residents seeking employment rose to 497,000. Total employment in May registered a small gain as the number of employed residents climbed by 47,000 to reach 3,899,000. Slight job gains in manufacturing and modest seasonal gains in construction, retail trade and services accounted for the employment increase. The state's civilian labor force expanded by 65,000 in May, which outdistanced the growth in new jobs resulting in the small rise in unemployment. Compared with a year ago, employment in the state has jumped by 151,000, while the size of the labor force has edged upward by a meager 5,000. In May 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 643,000, representing an unemployment rate of 14.7 percent.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN MAY

Michigan's wage and salary employment increased for the fourth consecutive month as total state jobs climbed to 3,292,800 in May. Employment opportunities edged upward by approximately 29,000 as job gains were evident in both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 934,000, inched upward by 5,200 primarily as a result of increased activity in the metal and transportation equipment industries. Private nonmanufacturing employment jumped by 29,200 to 1,783,500 in May, as normal seasonal patterns increased hiring activities throughout the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Public sector payrolls fell by 5,400 as federal and local gains offset state educational losses. Since May 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 110,900 positions or 3.5 percent. Approximately 64,200 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while nonmanufacturing payrolls have jumped by 58,300.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
MAY 1984 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,396,000	3,899,000	497,000	11.3
Ann Arbor SMSA	150,300	140,400	9,900	6.6
Battle Creek SMSA	80,800	72,000	8,800	10.9
Bay City SMSA	52,800	45,900	6,900	13.1
Benton Harbor SMSA	73,100	63,900	9,200	12.6
Detroit SMSA	1,995,300	1,779,800	215,500	10.8
Flint SMSA	229,300	199,000	30,300	13.2
Grand Rapids SMSA	343,600	312,600	31,000	9.0
Jackson SMSA	65,800	57,700	8,100	12.3
Kalamazoo SMSA	141,300	129,100	12,200	8.6
Lansing SMSA	267,300	228,400	38,900	14.6
Muskegon SMSA	78,300	68,400	9,900	12.6
Saginaw SMSA	100,800	89,500	11,300	11.2
Upper Peninsula LMA	146,800	124,900	21,900	14.9

ITEM	MAY 1984	APR 1984	MAR 1984	MAY 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4396.0	4331.0	4296.0	4391.0
Employment	3899.0	3852.0	3757.0	3748.0
Unemployment	497.0	479.0	539.0	643.0
Rate	11.3	11.1	12.5	14.7
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3292.8	3263.8	3255.3	3181.9
Manufacturing	934.0	928.8	936.9	869.8
Durables	736.7	732.0	740.0	679.5
Lumber and Wood Products	11.6	11.4	11.5	10.1
Furniture and Fixtures	23.5	23.0	22.9	20.3
Metals	168.1	167.3	166.7	151.4
Primary Metals	54.0	53.9	54.1	51.0
Fabricated Metals	114.1	113.4	112.6	100.4
Nonelectrical Machinery	124.5	123.5	122.8	115.4
Electrical Machinery	32.3	32.6	32.4	30.3
Transportation Equipment	339.5	337.4	347.6	316.8
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	320.2	318.2	328.3	299.2
Other Transportation Equip.	19.3	19.2	19.3	17.6
Other Durables	37.2	36.8	36.1	35.2
Nondurables	197.3	196.8	196.9	190.3
Food and Kindred	46.2	45.5	45.0	43.3
Textiles and Apparel	19.7	20.2	20.3	18.7
Paper Products	20.4	20.2	20.5	19.9
Printing and Publishing	34.2	34.0	33.6	32.9
Chemicals and Petroleum	41.1	41.5	41.5	42.8
Other Nondurables	35.7	35.4	36.0	32.7
Nonmanufacturing	1783.5	1754.3	1733.9	1725.2
Construction	99.1	90.7	81.3	85.0
Trans., Commun., Utilities	139.5	137.7	138.5	138.8
Wholesale Trade	157.2	155.6	155.3	143.4
Retail Trade	556.0	545.7	536.4	544.9
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	155.8	154.1	153.5	151.0
Services	666.6	661.4	660.3	653.3
Mining	9.3	9.1	8.6	8.8
Government	575.3	580.7	584.5	586.9
Federal	56.0	55.1	55.2	56.0
State	138.6	146.6	147.3	139.4
Local	380.7	379.0	382.0	391.5
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.0

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan continued on its downward path during the month of May. The regular benefits claims load averaged 104,950 per week in May, approximately 16,625 or 13.7 percent lower than the month ago total. In May 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 161,750.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program edged downward by 4,350 or 14.1 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 26,425 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
May 05, 1984	110,000	13,000	97,000	28,300	3,000	25,300
May 12, 1984	106,200	12,000	94,200	26,900	2,600	24,300
May 19, 1984	103,700	11,700	92,000	26,100	2,500	23,600
May 26, 1984	99,900	12,000	87,900	24,400	2,500	21,900

AREA PRICES SHOW MARGINAL INCREASE

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area inched upward by one tenth of a point over the month to reach 305.7 in May. The slight rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of minor gains and losses throughout the product line. Prices in the area rose by 3.7 percent since May 1983, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 294.9.

At the national level, the cost of living increased by nine-tenths of a point to reach 309.7. The higher national prices were due to increased apparel and transportation costs. Between May 1983 and May 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.2 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 297.1.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries inched downward from 43.8 hours in April to 43.3 hours in May. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of shorter hours worked by individuals in the electrical machinery industry.

During the month, average hourly earnings dipped by two cents to $12.09, while average weekly earnings fell by $7.92 to total $523.01. In May 1983, earnings averaged $11.50 an hour or $483.84 per week for a 42.1 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.09	$12.11	$11.50	43.3	43.8	42.1	$523.01	$530.93	$483.84
DURABLE GOODS	12.54	12.60	11.95	43.7	44.2	42.3	547.85	557.41	505.46
Primary Metal Products	12.19	12.27	12.19	41.3	41.7	41.1	503.16	511.55	501.08
Fabricated Metal Products	11.91	12.04	11.36	43.8	44.2	42.3	522.05	532.51	480.63
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.02	12.09	11.54	43.0	43.5	40.3	516.98	526.24	464.91
Electrical Machinery	10.49	10.57	9.96	42.0	43.4	41.8	440.68	458.42	416.20
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.10	14.13	13.19	45.1	45.8	43.9	635.12	647.82	578.37
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.28	10.14	9.81	41.6	42.3	41.1	427.45	429.17	403.28
Contract Construction	14.62	14.55	14.73	38.2	37.3	37.0	557.61	542.94	545.38
Department Stores	6.36	6.24	6.19	29.3	29.1	28.2	186.60	181.54	174.56

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